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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

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U S ENERGY CORP 877 N 800 W RIVERTON WY 82501

ATTENTION: DANIEL ARIMA

ANNUAL PERMIT FEE	<b>Annual Permit Fe</b>	es (July 20	05 thru June 2006)
PROJECT NAME	PROJECT ID	ACRES	BILLING DATE
VELVET	M370040	22	06/28/2005
PERMIT TYPE	PROJECT STATUS		
LARGE MINING OPERATION < 50 ACRES	INACTIVE		ANNUAL FEE
			\$ 500

DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE	
07/29/2005	\$ 500	

# Please see enclosed instructions for payment.

Please retain this portion for your records. For billing Information call (801) 538-5291

This portion MUST be returned with your payment to ensure proper credit. THANK YOU

ACCOUNT BILLED		PROJECT NAME		PROJECT ID	
U S ENERGY CORP		VELVET		M370040	
DUE DATE 07/29/2005	ANNUAL FEE \$ 500	AMOUNT DUE \$ 500	Permittee requests an inspection to close	Change of Address Contact	
TA	X ID OR SOCIAL SE	CURITY#	out this permit.	Address	
DIVISION OF OIL GAS AND MINING 1594 WEST NORTH TEMPLE SUITE 1210 PO BOX 145801 SALT LAKE CITY UT 84114-5801		E-Mail Address			

### **Instructions for Payment of Fees**

June 28, 2005

## 1. <u>Collection of Permit Fees</u>

The Utah Legislature authorized the collection of permit fees in the Minerals Program July 1, 1998. The fees provide supplemental funding for processing and maintaining mining and exploration permit applications and inspection of those sites.

Please note:

Some companies/operators may receive more than one billing form (i.e. multiple mines/projects). It is important to return each one of those forms to ensure proper credit.

#### 2. Fees Are Assessed as Follows:

Notices of Intent	Annual Fee
Exploration Operations	\$150.00
Small Mining Operations (5 or less disturbed acres)	\$150.00
Large Mining Operations (less than 50 disturbed acres*)	\$500.00
Large Mining Operations (more than 50 disturbed acres*)	\$1,000.00

#### 3. Fees Due Date

Fees are due by the last Friday in July, for all permitted operations or applications presently under Division review. Fees will also be due upon submission of a new permit application or a permit amendment/revision which increases the acreage to a new fee category.

#### 4. Failure to Pay

Failure to pay the required permit fee will <u>automatically suspend an operator's authorization to mine or explore</u> (site reclamation is still required by the operator). Permit revocation and an Order to reclaim the site may subsequently be required by the Board of Oil, Gas and Mining after Notice and Hearing. New permit applications require fee enclosure with the application, before it will be processed

#### 5. Opportunity to Close Out a Permit

Permittees have the opportunity to close out a permit and not pay the fee. To be eligible to close out a permit, you must return the enclosed billing form with the appropriate box checked. You will then be contacted by the Division to arrange for an onsite inspection. The area must be fully reclaimed and in a stable condition to be eligible for closing out a permit. If the area is suitably reclaimed, then NO FEE WILL BE DUE. If the area is not yet suitably reclaimed, then a new billing notice will be issued and the permittee will be given 30 days from the date of the onsite inspection to pay the fee.

#### 6. Delinquent Fees

All permit fees which remain unpaid will be considered a violation of the Mined Land Reclamation Act and will be subject to enforcement action, which will carry penalties and fines.

#### 7. Change of Address

Please note any address or telephone changes on the return form. (NOTE: An operator cannot be changed on this form. This must be accomplished through a formal Permit Transfer).

#### 8. Questions or Comments

Please contact Daron Haddock at (801) 538-5325 or Joelle Burns at (801) 538-5291.

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